(c) whether it is a fact that resource constraints and non-availability of insecticides continue to impede the success of the malaria eradication programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) According to the latest malaria situation reports received from the State Health Authorities, there is decline of 8.98 per cent in total malaria cases in 1986 as compared to that during the corresponding period of 1985. However there is slight increase in the number of malaria cases during this period in some States|Union Territories like Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Orissa, Tripura, West Bengal, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Goa, Daman and Diu and Mizoram. However, malaria incidence has shown declining trend in the tribal belt of Central India.

(c) No, Sir.

Air-taxi service between Andaman and Nicobar Islands

*31. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for development of a helicopter and air taxi service between the Islands of Andaman and Nicobar region had been mooted at a three day workshop held at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in New Delhi which concluded on 22nd September, 1986; and

(b) if not, which of the States are still tion thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have already approved in principle a scheme to operate air taxi services in the country. A proposal for providing helicopter services to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration is also under active consideration.

Chattopdhayaya commission's recommendations of pay scales of teachers

*32 SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the D.P. Chattopadhyaya Commission submitted its report relating to pay|allowances of teachers;

(b) what are the details of the recommendaions made therein;

(c) what action Government have taken on each recommendation;

(d) whether the Commission's report is proposed to be laid on the Table of the House, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by what date revised pay scales are likely to be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) The National Commission on Teachers-I (NCT-I) headed by Prof. D. P. Chattopadhyaya submitted its report to the Government on 26th March, 1985. The main recommendations of the NCT-I are annexed . [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 4]

2. The Government of India appointed an Empowered Committee headed by the Secretary in the Department of Education in Government of India to examine the recommendations made by the NCT-I.

This Committee is examining all the recommendations made by the NCT-I with a view to taking decisions on them, including the recommendations relating to pay scales to be given to the teachers. The decision on the date from which revised pay scales for teachers are going to be made applicable for Central Government teachers will be made when final decision on the scales is taken.

3. It is the Government's intention to place the report of the NCT-I on the Table of the House after the Government has been able to take a view on the recommendations made.

Medicines pilfered from CGHS dispensaries

*33. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to find out the value of medicines pilfered from CGHS dispensaries and hospitals run by the Central Government in the country;

(b) if so, what is the value and quantity o f medicine and other hospital equipment found to have been stolen during the last one year; and

(c) what steps have been taken to check this pilferage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) There are laid down procedures to deal with individual cases of pilferage and theft. These consist of proper inventory control, inspection and surveillance at various levles. Internal audit and external checks also help in highlighting unaccounted shortages. Government have not come across instances of pilferage and theft of a magnitude to warrant commissioning of a special study in this respect.

National Highways in Karnataka

*34. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of State roads recommended by the Karnataka Government for up-gradation as National Highways;

(b) since when these proposals are pending with the Central Government; and

(c) the roads which have been upgraded as National Higways in the State during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Since the beginning of the 6th Five Year Plan period, the State Government of Karnataka has been approaching the Central Government for declaring eleven State roads as National Highways, but as intimated to the State Government from time to time none of these roads could be declared as National Highways owing to limitation of resources and other periortiy considerations *visa-a-vis* demand from other States.

Circuit TVs at railway stations

*35. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Close Circuit televisions has been introduced at various important railway stations in the country;

(b) whether these close circuits T.Vs display commercials;

(c) whether Government are aware that these TV commercials create distraction at busy railway stations and thwart the very purpose of providing the facility of close circuit system, namely, making the railway enquiry service easily available to the public; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to discontinue T.V. commercials at railway stations?